

House Resolution No. 1386

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruhl, cherished residents of rural Hannibal, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on March 28, 2004, with a festive celebration at the Hydesburg Methodist Church; and

Whereas, it was on March 22, 1939, that Richard Oren Ruhl took the hand of his beautiful bride, Thelma Faye Murray, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony at the home of the Reverend John W. Golden; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Ruhl provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavor as a farmer, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Moose Lodge, of which he is a past governor, and helping form the Ralls County Public Water Supply District; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Ruhl enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a partner in the family farming operation; and

Whereas, lifetime members of the Hydesburg Methodist Church, Richard and Thelma Ruhl have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary (deceased) and Peggy Ruhl, Jerry and Pat Ruhl, Tom and Debbie Ruhl, and Dana and Linda Ruhl; and spoiling their nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Richard and Thelma Ruhl often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their sixty-five years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixty-sixth year of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Richard and Thelma Ruhl upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruhl, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1386, adopted April 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker